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In response to applicant's letter filed 12/12/2003 (paper no. 23) to request that the Examiner's decision to issue a final action mailed 12/3/2003 (paper no. 22) to be removed because it prevents the Applicant from amending the claims, it appears that the previous final action is proper due to applicant's amendment filed 8/29/2003 (paper no. 21) for further amending the local computer network having a common bus topology and a common bus technology in order to overcome the prior art. Under present practice, second or any subsequent actions on the merits shall be final where a new ground rejection is necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims. As a result, the Official Action mailed 12/3/2003 is a final action and the Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 are moot in view of new ground of rejection. Applicant's is required to timely file the reply for the previous Office action. If Applicant would like to file petition to the Commissioner, please check with MPEP CFR 1.181 or contact the Examiner for any question.

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